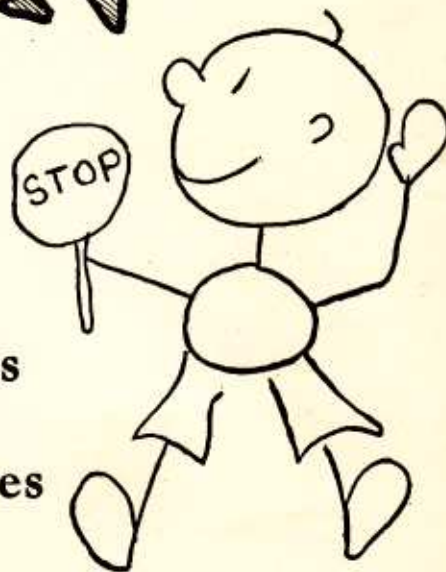


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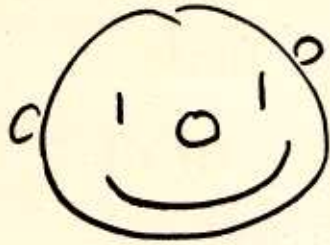
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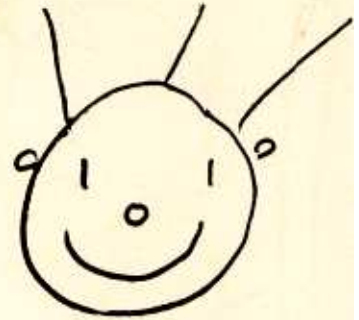
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that being safe is
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doesn't know anything
at all.



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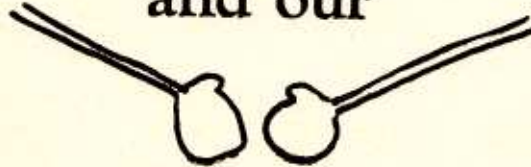
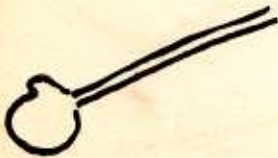
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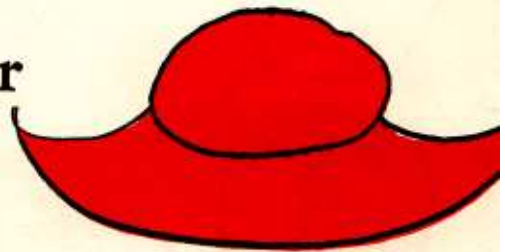


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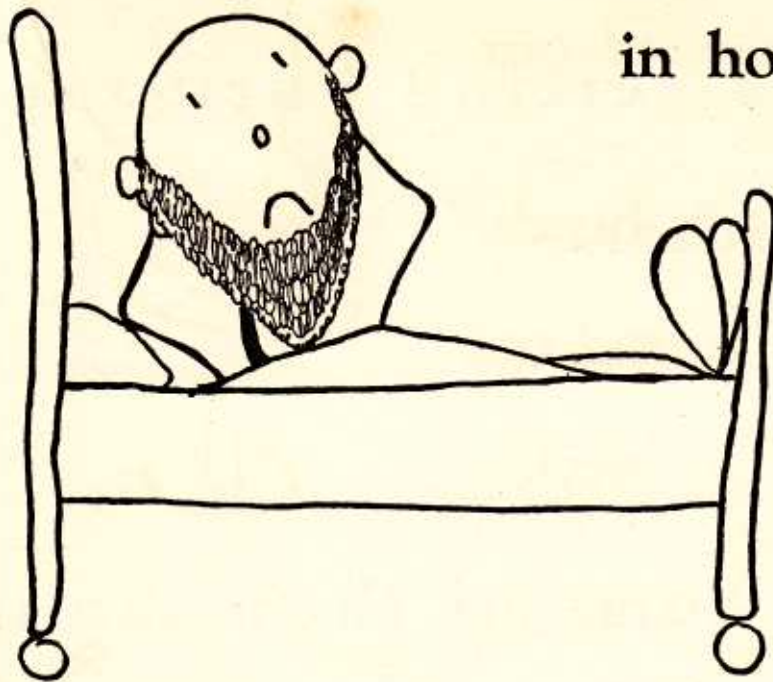
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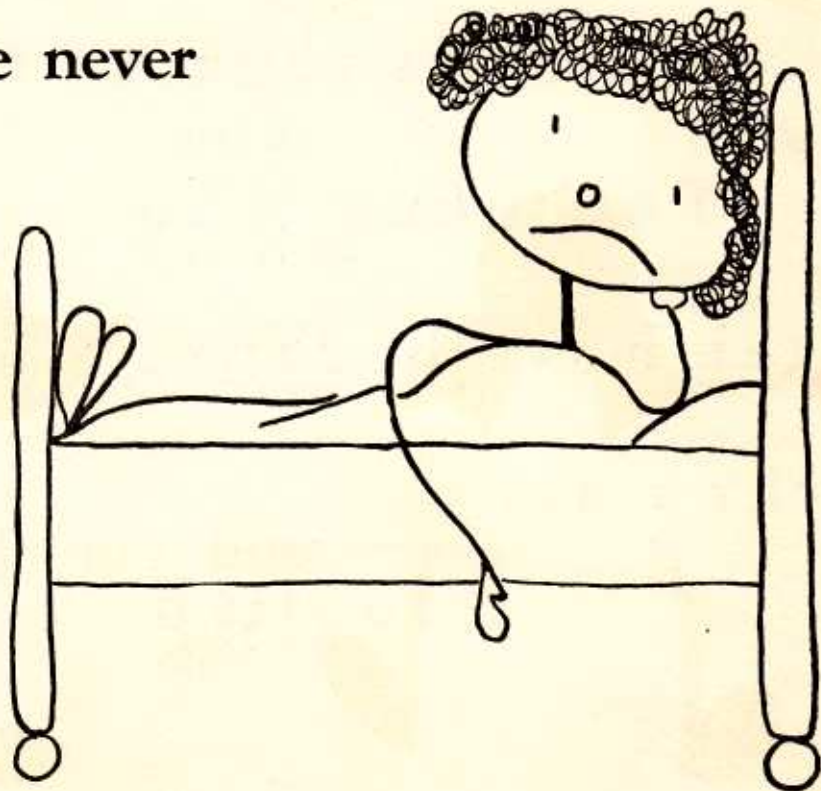
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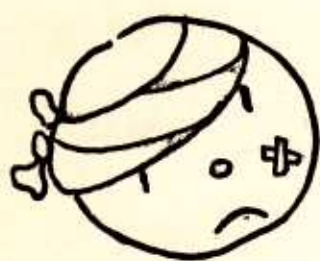
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There are a lot of people who
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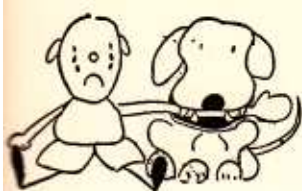
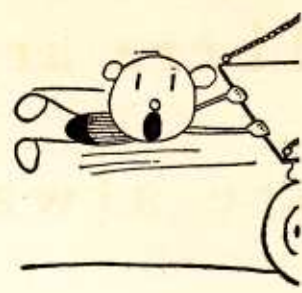
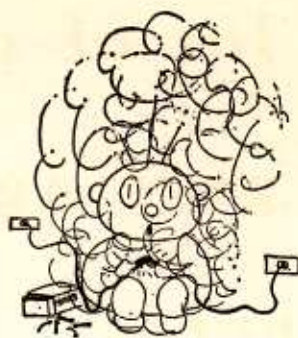


Some of them can't
help it, but some of them can.

The ones who
get hurt because
they are
foolish



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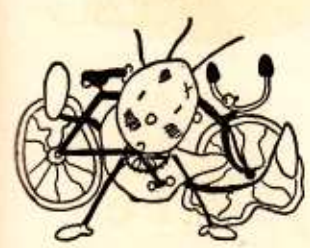
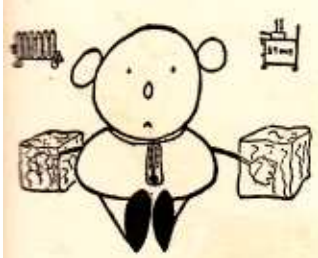
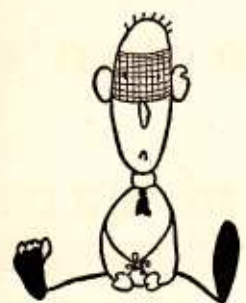


NIT-WITS



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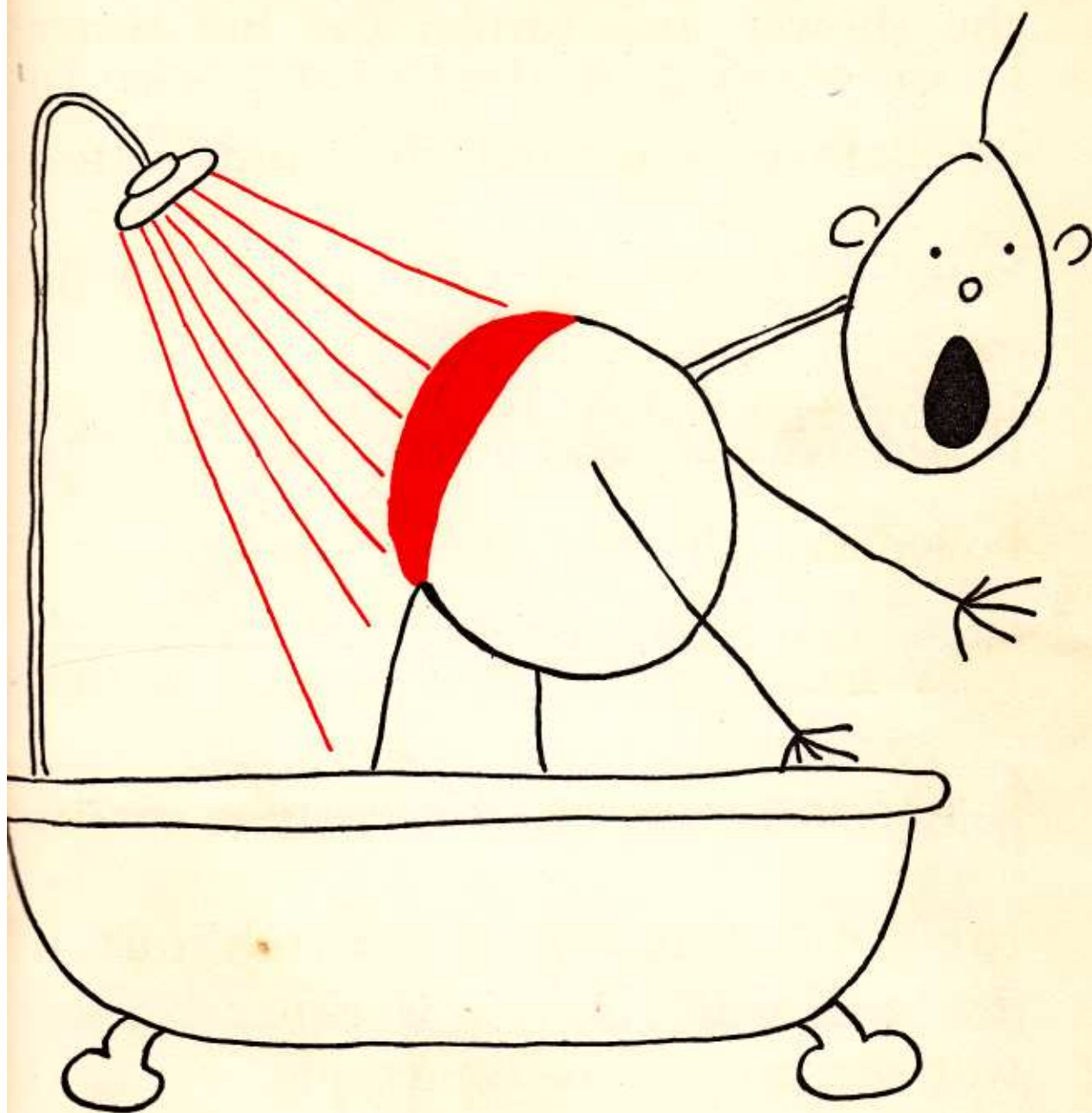
IS FULL OF
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Here is a Nit-Wit who climbed into the shower and turned the hot water on before it turned the cold water. Now it can't start over again and do it the right way because it will get boiled red all over like a lobster.

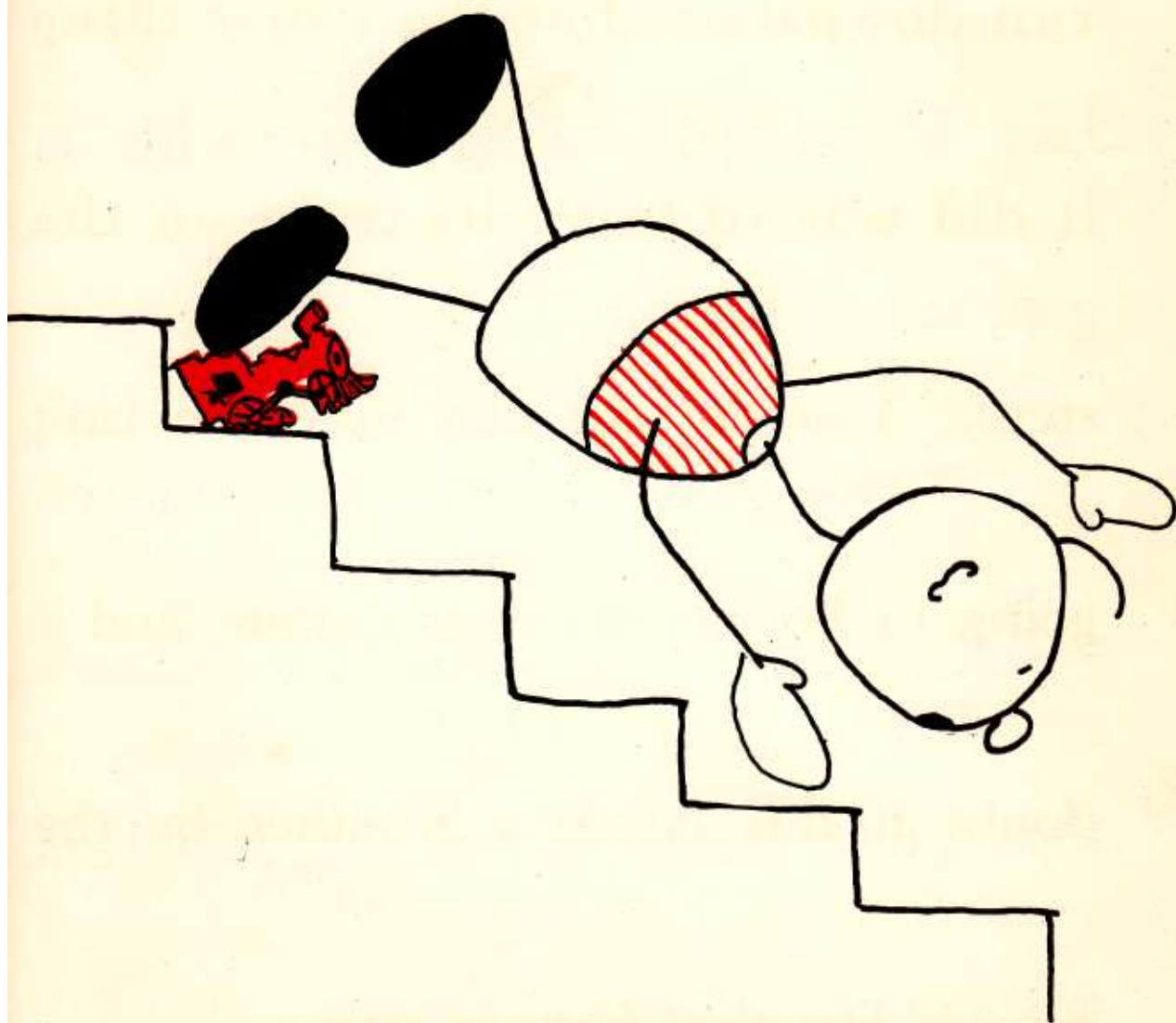
What is just as bad as that is that it left the soap on the bottom of the tub and if it doesn't watch out it will slip and break something.

It is a **Bath Room Nit-Wit**.



This is a **Downstairs Nit-Wit**.

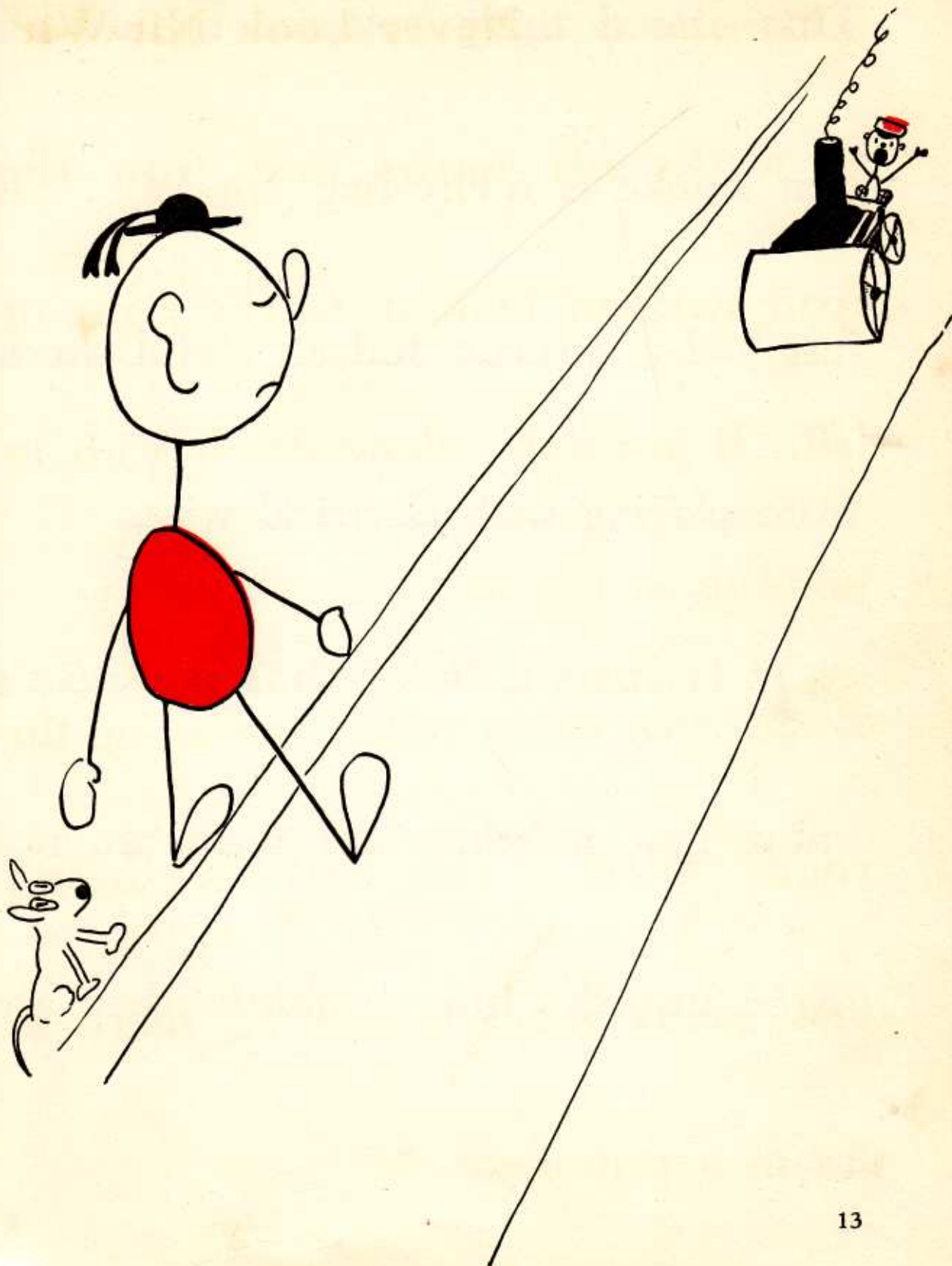
One thing it did wrong was to run downstairs but the worst thing it did was to leave its train on the steps. You can see that the train isn't going to be any good any more and I doubt if this Nit-Wit is either by the time it hits that bottom step.



This one is a **Never Look Nit-Wit.**

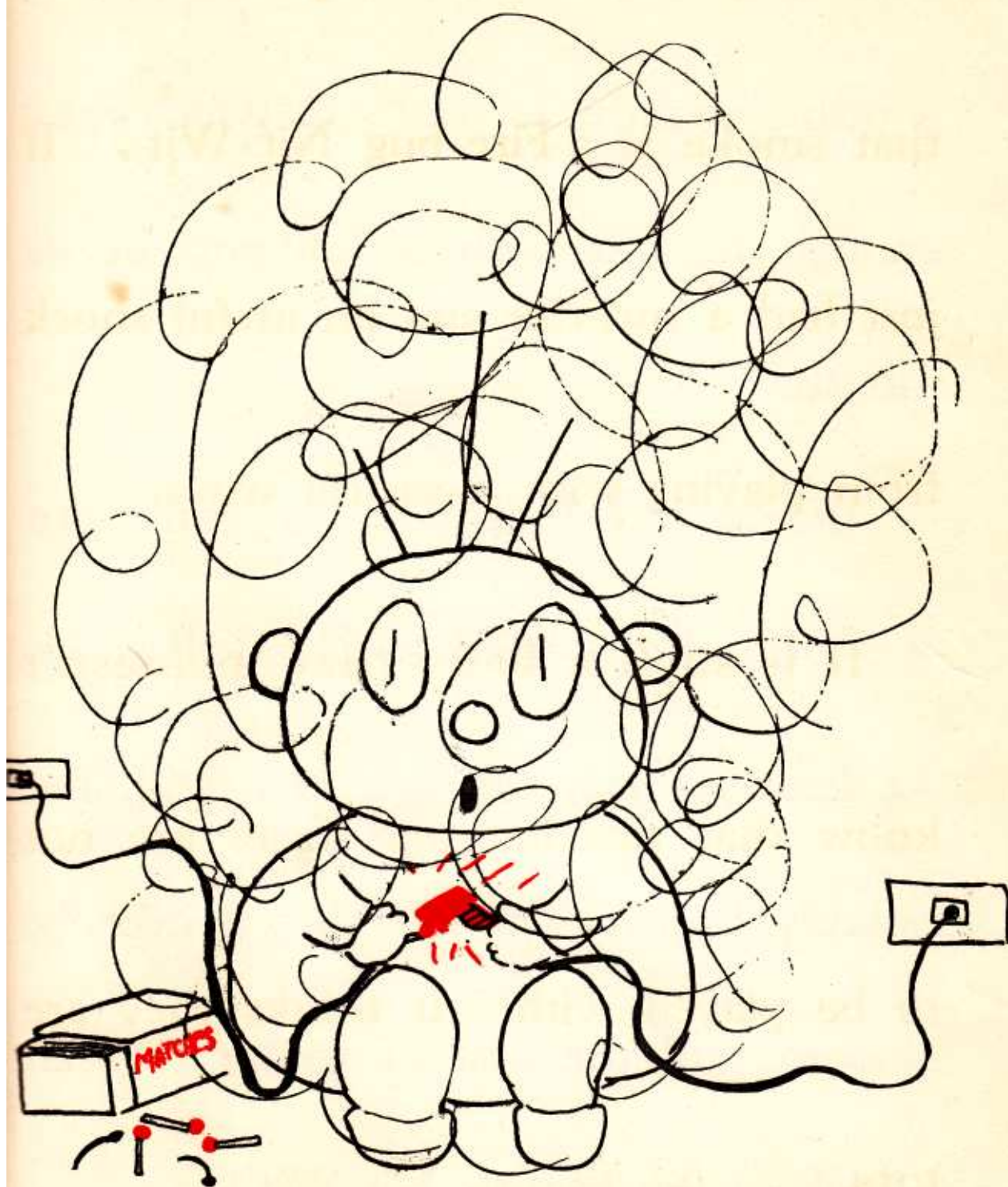
It walks off curbs and into the road without looking to the right or left. It just walks along slowly with its nose up in the air.

See that steam roller coming up the road? Well, if this Nit-Wit doesn't look pretty soon, it will be rolled as flat as a pancake.



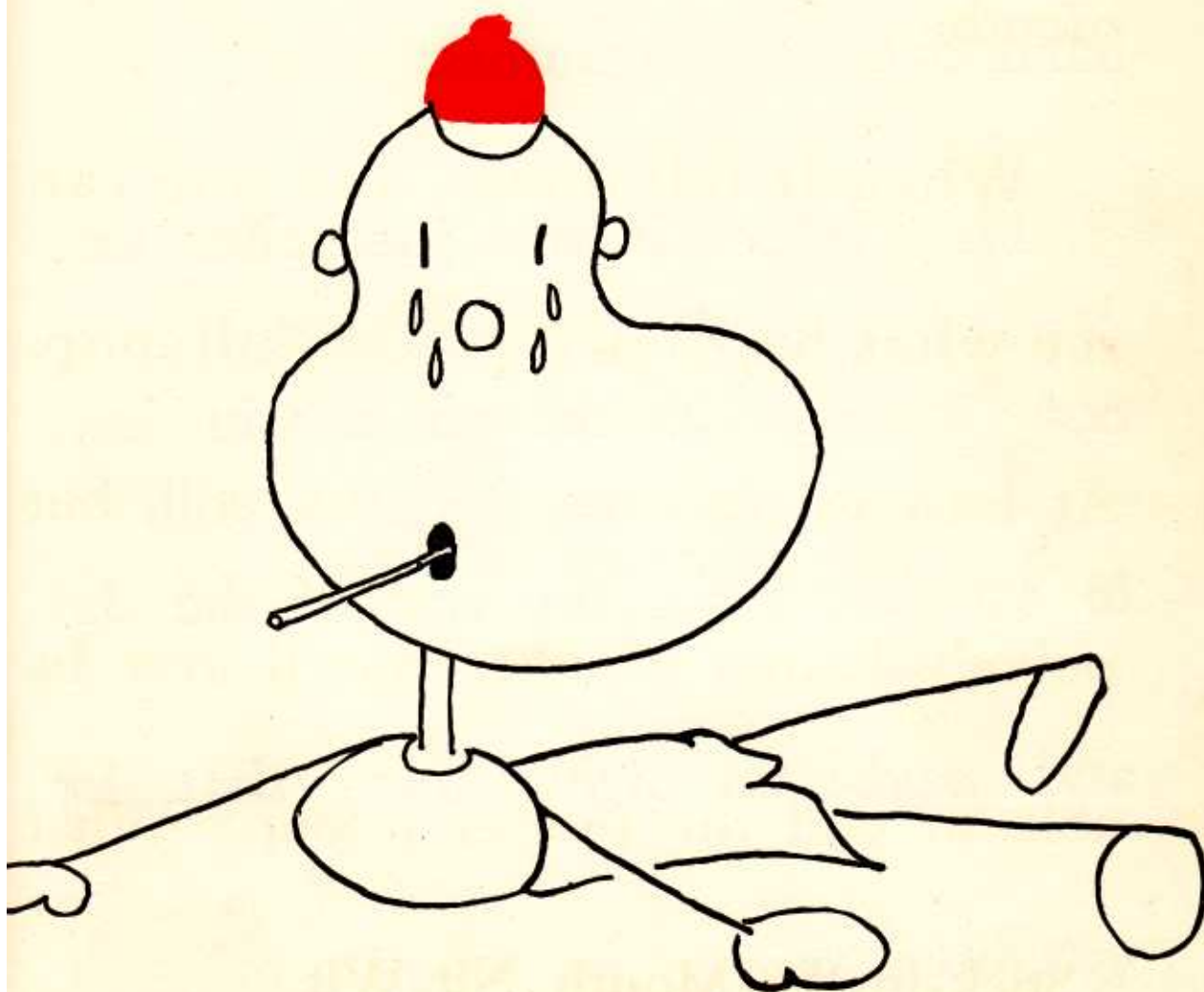
That scared thing you see behind all
that smoke is a **Fire-bug Nit-Wit**. It
just had a surprise and an awful shock
from playing with electrical wires.

It is such a baby that it doesn't
know that matches and fuses are not
to be played with. It thinks they are
toys.



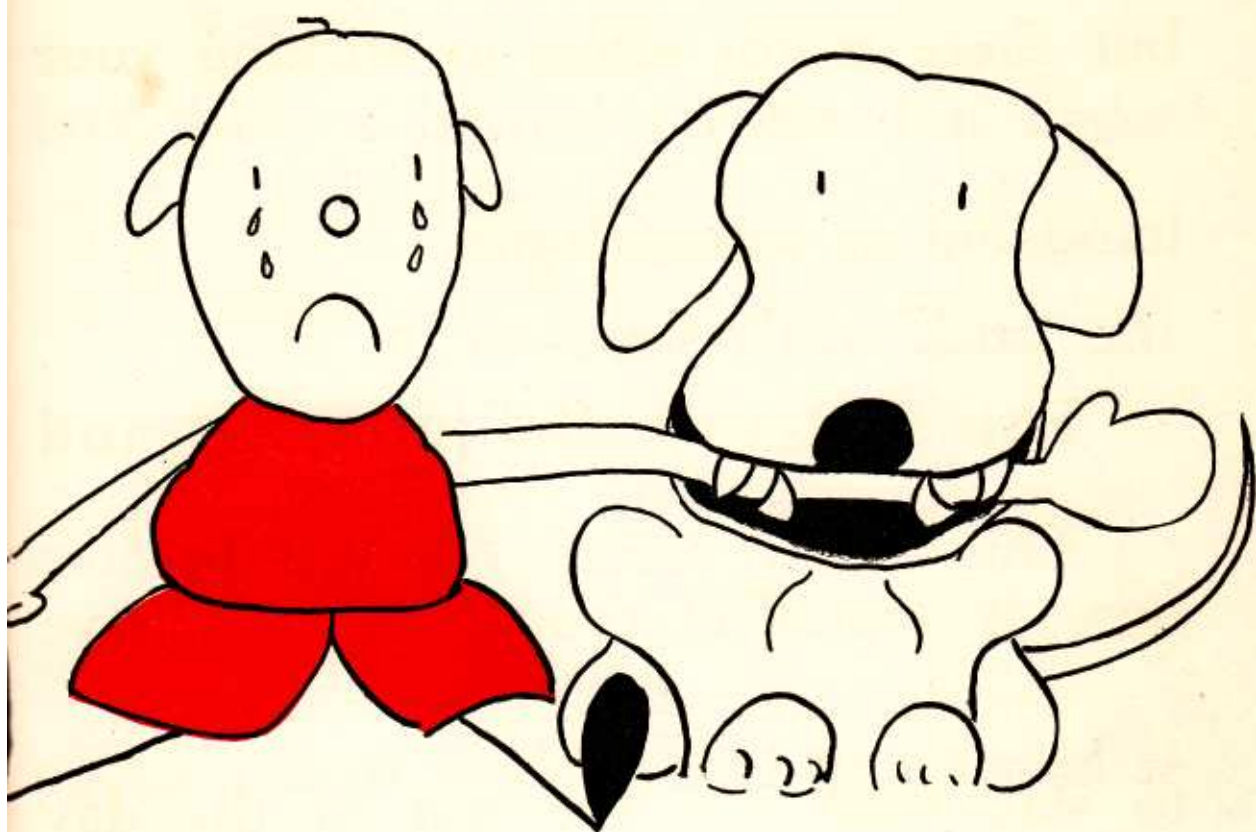
This is a very sad Nit-Wit and it has a good reason to be. It was crazy enough to run with a lollypop in its mouth.

When it fell down, any one can see what happened to the lollypop. At least we can see the stick still, but nobody knows whether they'll ever be able to pull the rest of it out. What a **Stick-in-the-Mouth Nit-Wit !**



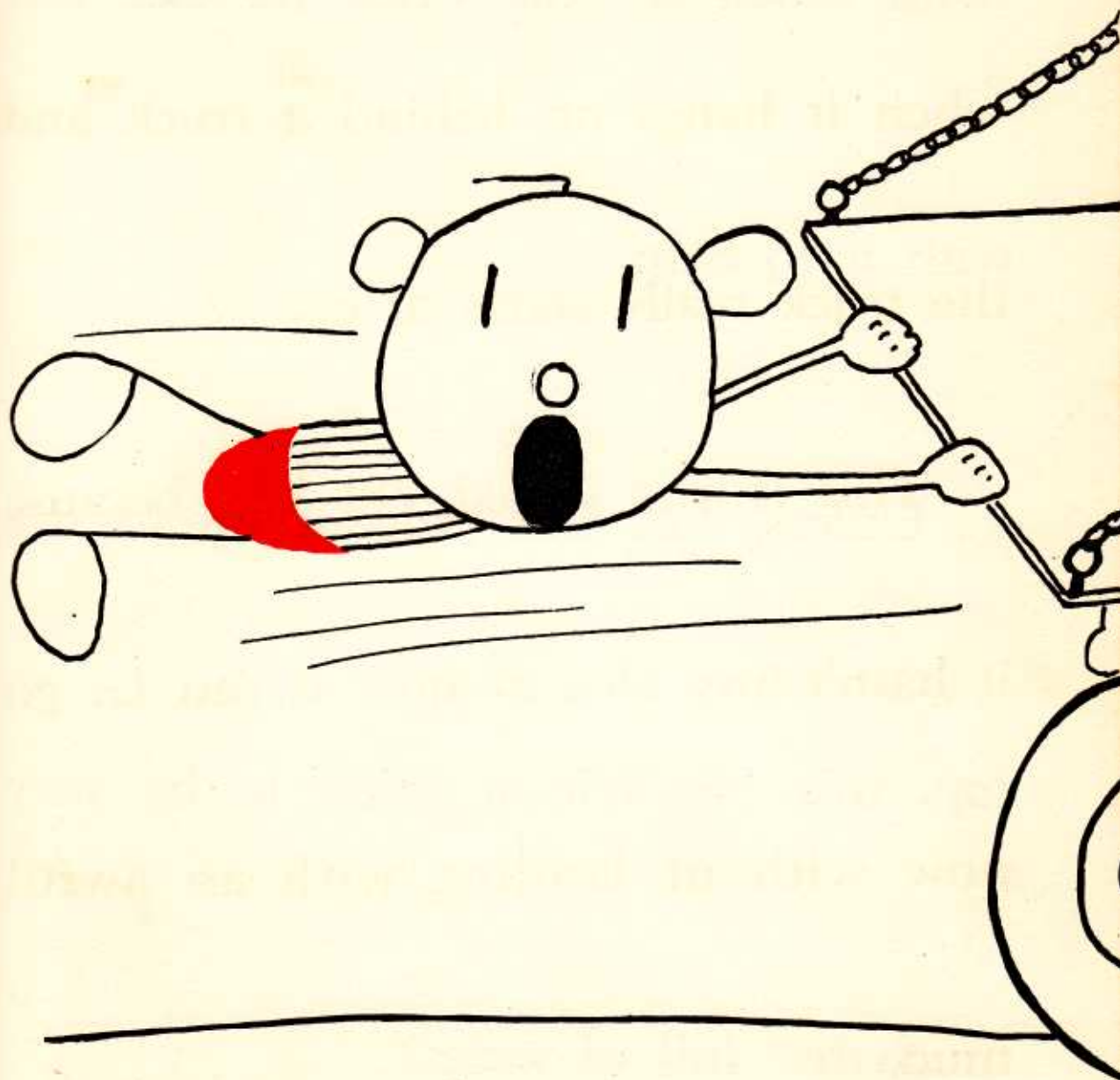
This sad sight is an **Animal Petting Nit-**
Wit. Most dogs are gentle enough,
but there is no sense in sticking your
hand out at strange ones.

This Nit-Wit did just that and
now it looks as though it will have
to stay there for the rest of the day
and maybe all night, unless that dog
gets hungry.



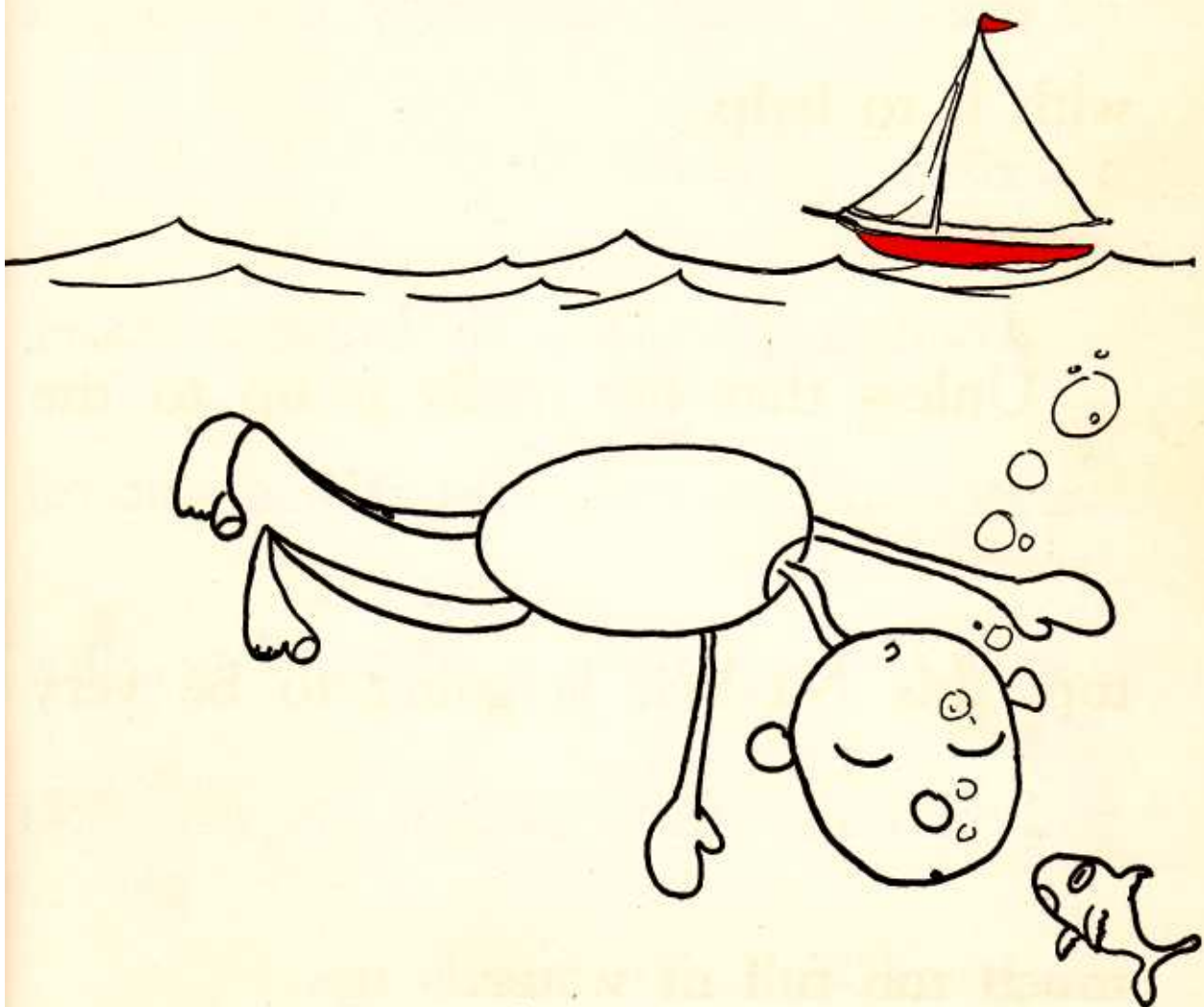
This will give you an idea of what happens to a **Hanger-On Nit-Wit** when it hangs on behind a truck and the truck really starts to go.

This is one scared Nit-Wit because it hasn't any idea of how it can let go now without landing with an awful thud.



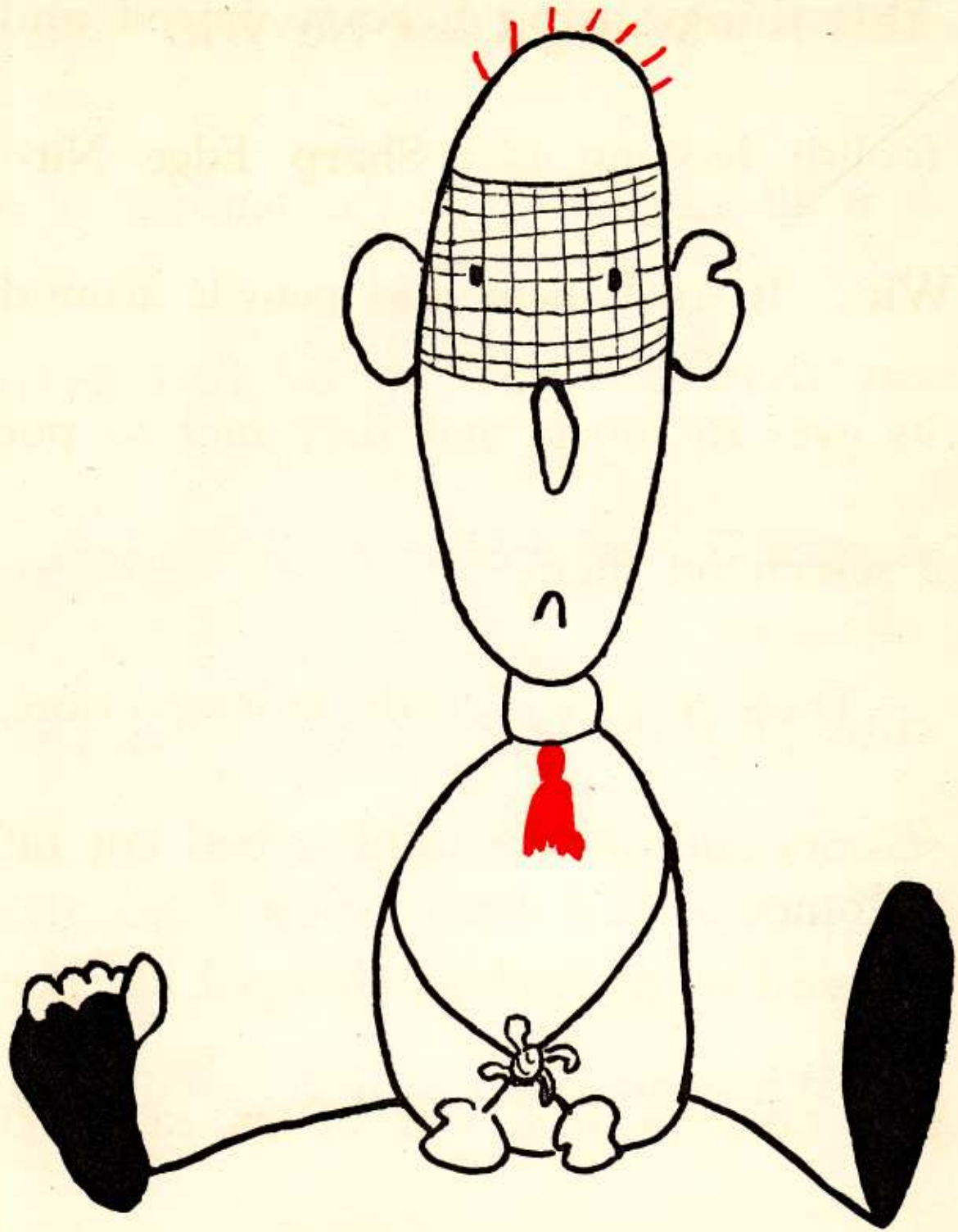
This is a **Water Nit-Wit** that tried to
swim much too far when no one was
with it to help.

Unless that fish pulls it up to the
top, this Nit-Wit is going to be very
much too full of water.



This thing sitting here so bored and foolish looking is a **Sharp Edge Nit-Wit** . It stuck pens and pencils around its eyes so much that they had to put a screen on them.

Then it played with knives, razors, scissors and an axe until it had cut off the end of its necktie, chopped its shoe and taken a nick out of its ear. So they had to tie its hands up.



This is a **Wrong Door Nit-Wit**. Here

it is all tangled up in the bumper of a

car that was passing by just as it

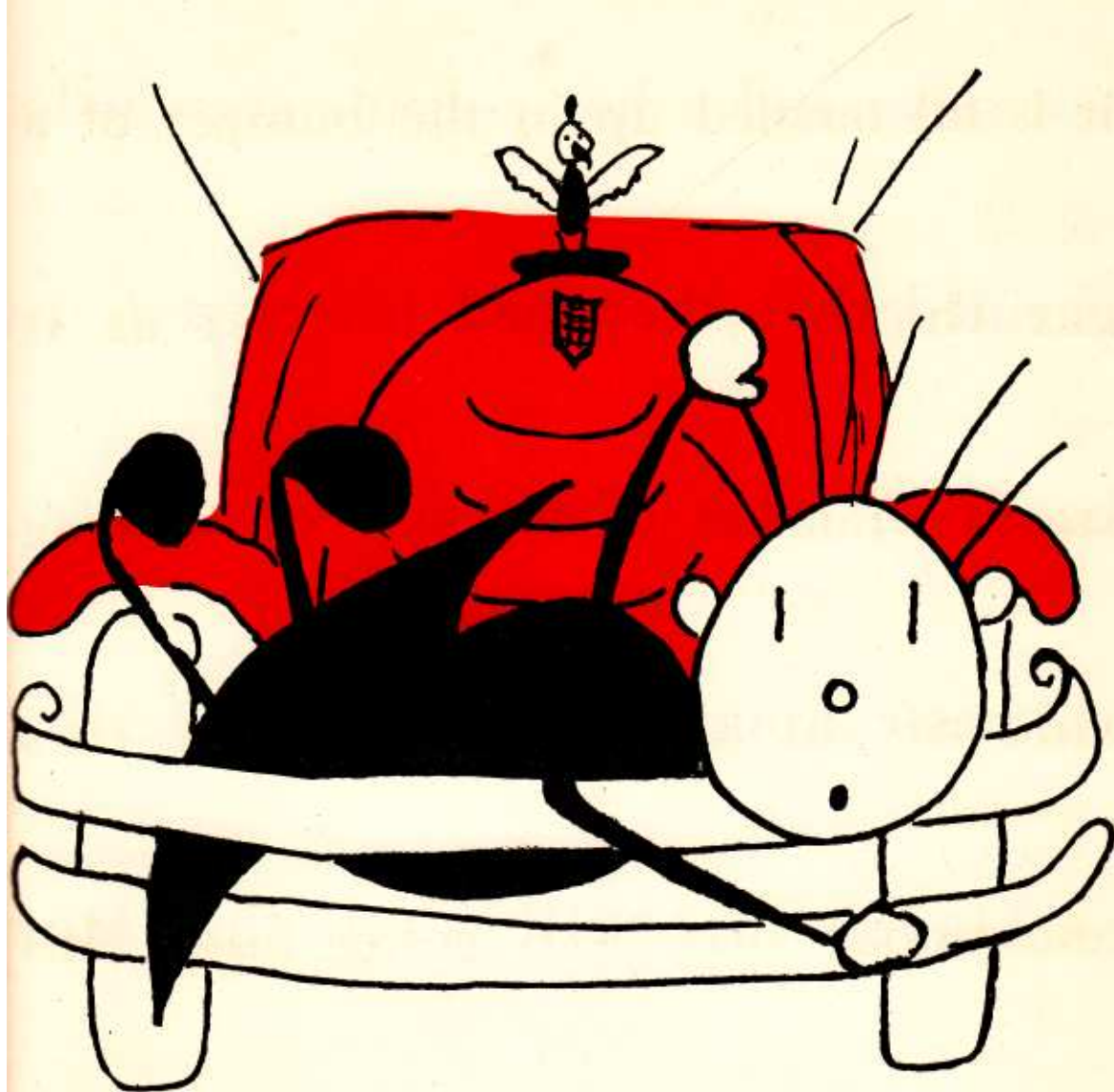
stepped out of the door on the wrong

side of the car it was in. If this

automobile had been going faster this

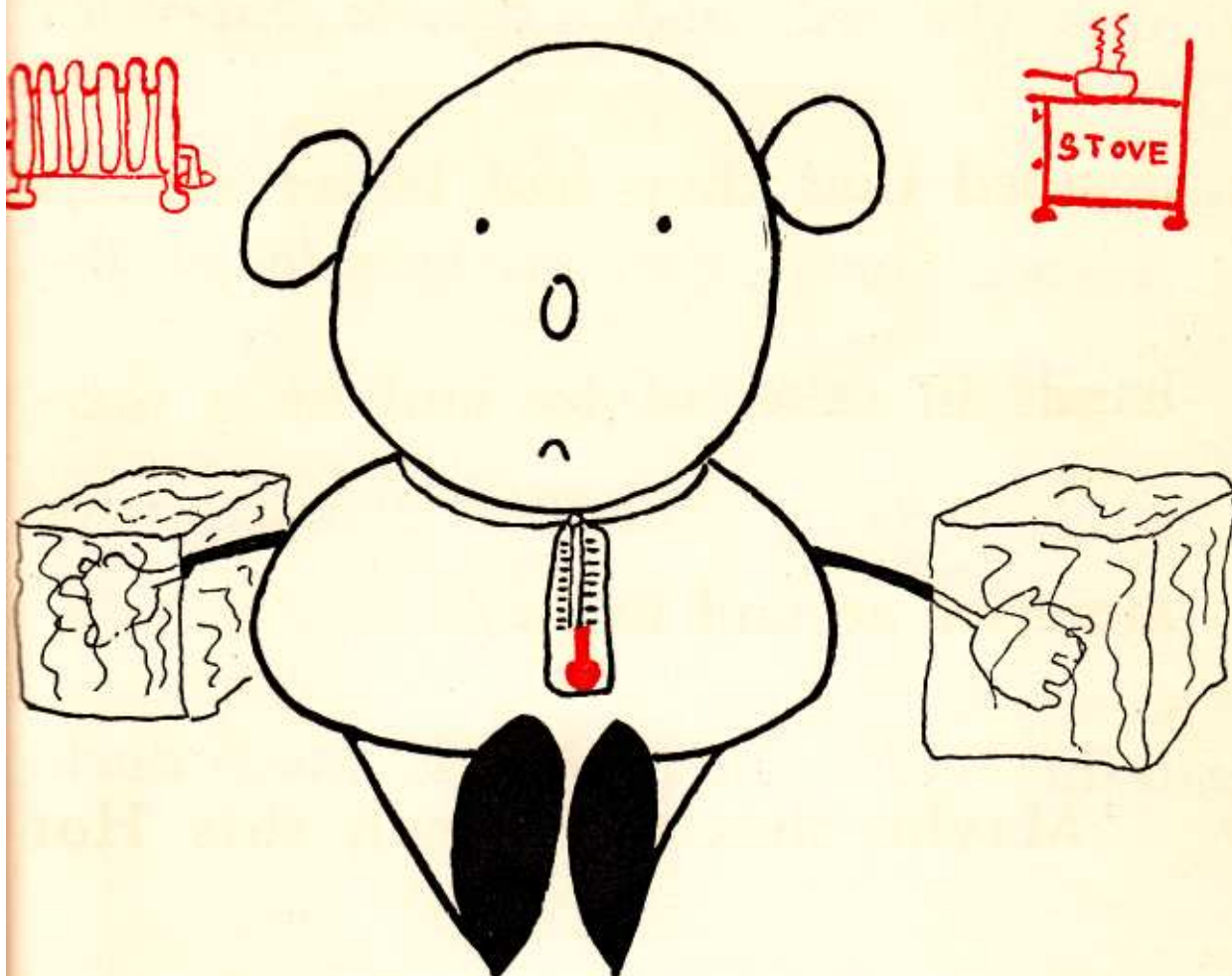
Nit-Wit would not still be all in one

piece.



By the time this one had touched a hot stove and a hot radiator everybody decided that they had better put its hands in cakes of ice and tie a thermometer around its neck.

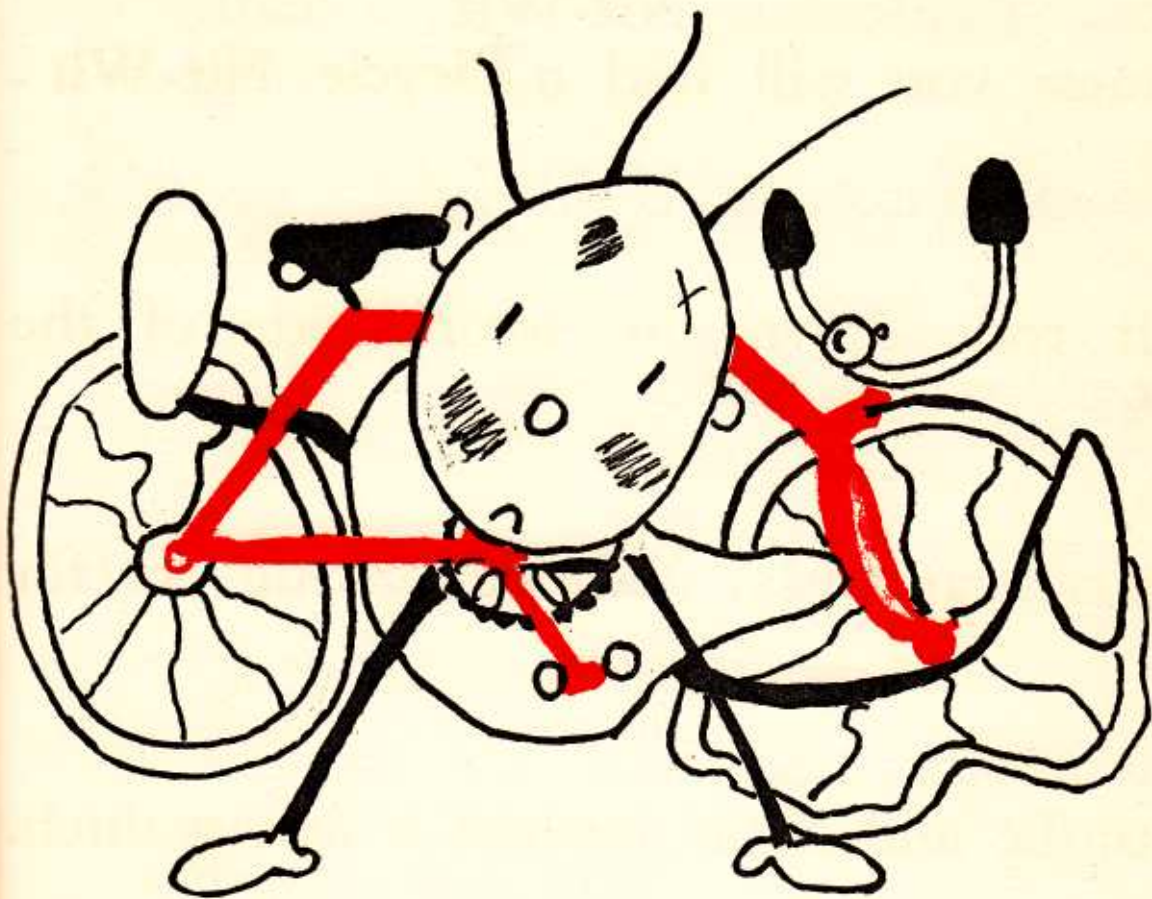
Maybe that will teach this **Hot Hand Nit-Wit** not to put its hands on things that burn.



Somewhere in the middle of all this
mess you will find a **Bicycle Nit-Wit** .

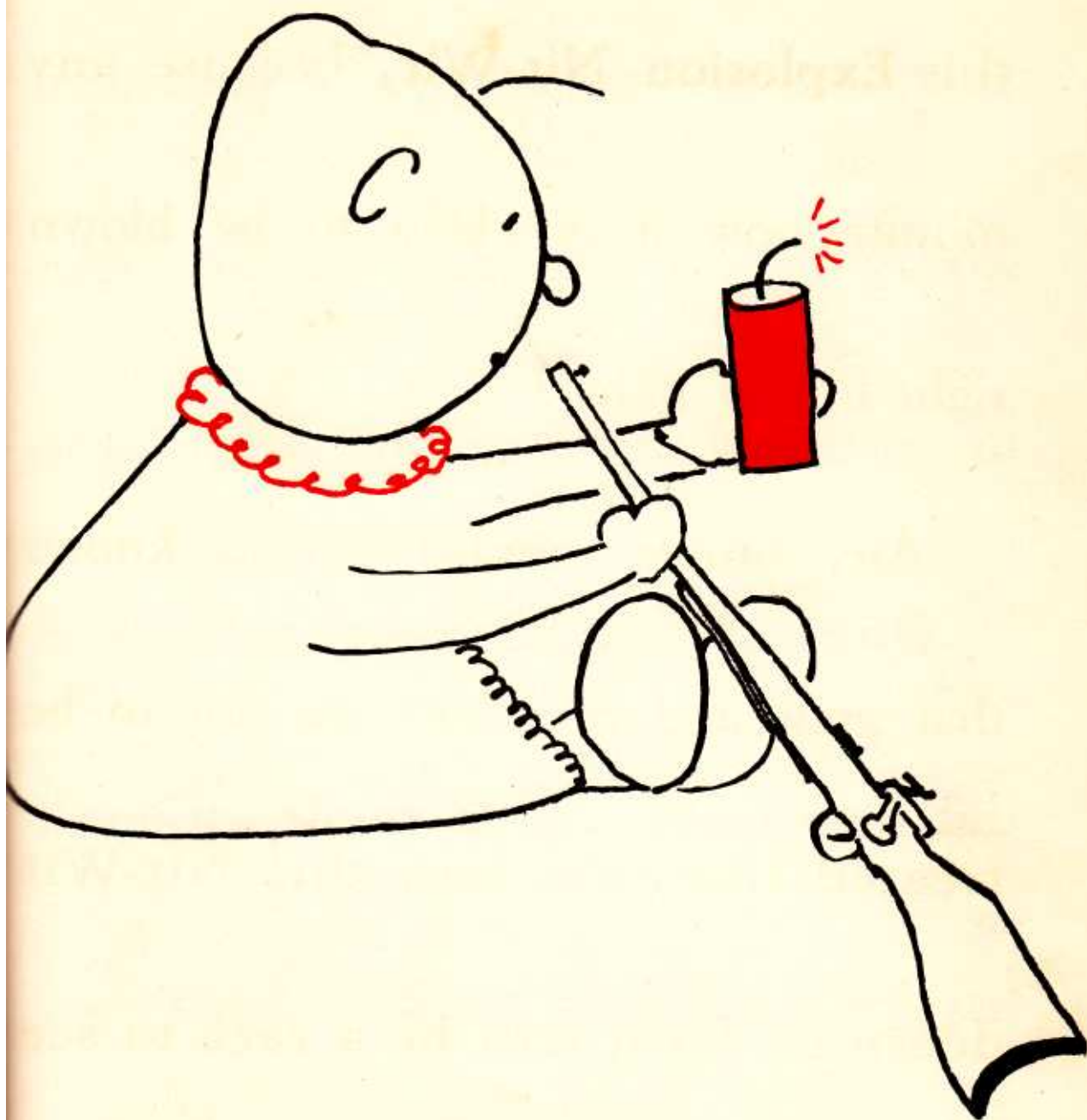
It rode down the wrong side of the
road carelessly, without looking out for
traffic and a car pushed it into a ditch.

Anyone so foolish shouldn't be
allowed on wheels of any size.



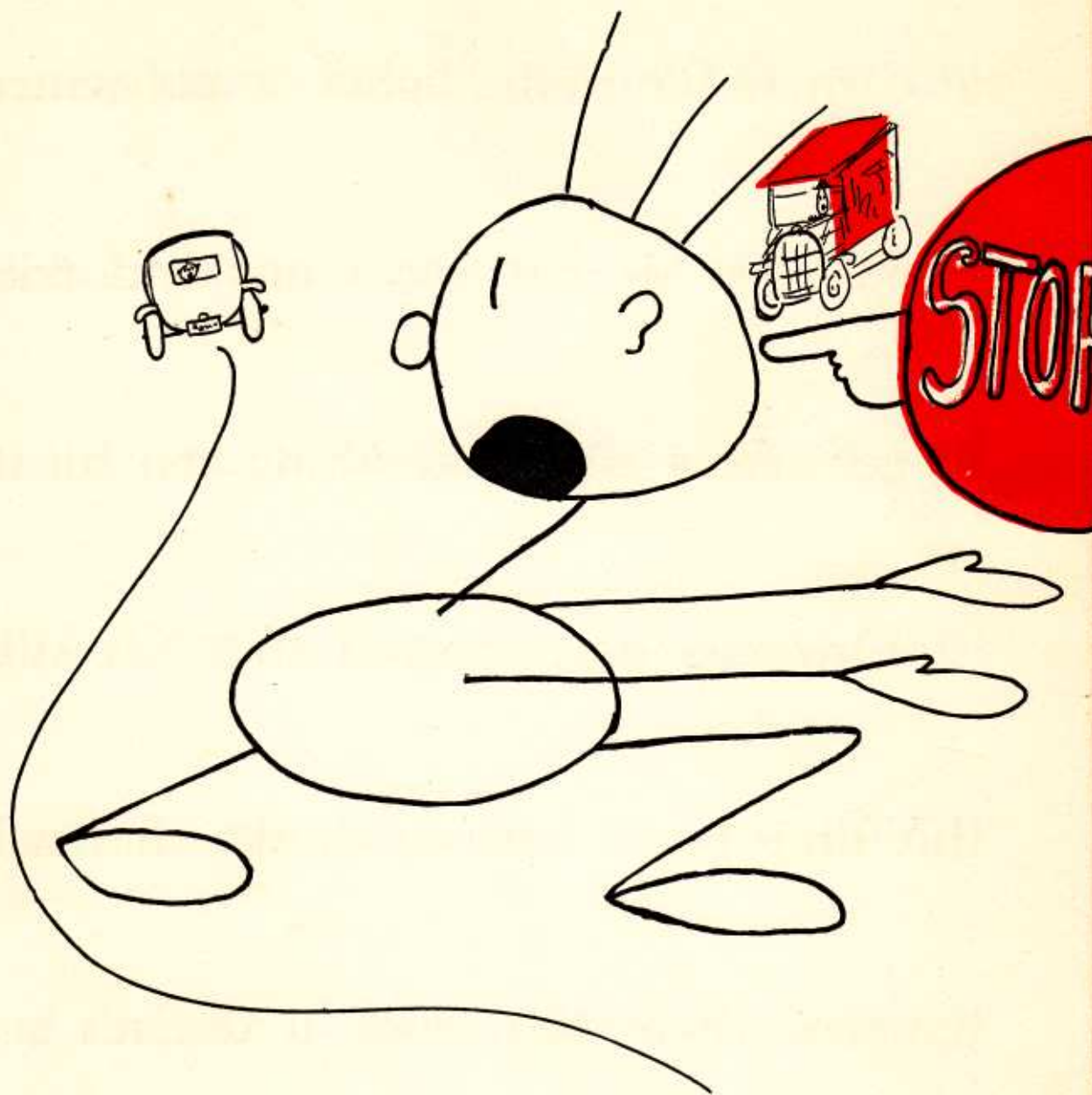
You had better take a quick look at this **Explosion Nit-Wit**, because any minute now it is likely to be blown right out of here.

Any simple minded person knows that guns and fireworks are not to be treated like toys but, this Nit-Wit doesn't. So it will be a race to see which blows him out first.



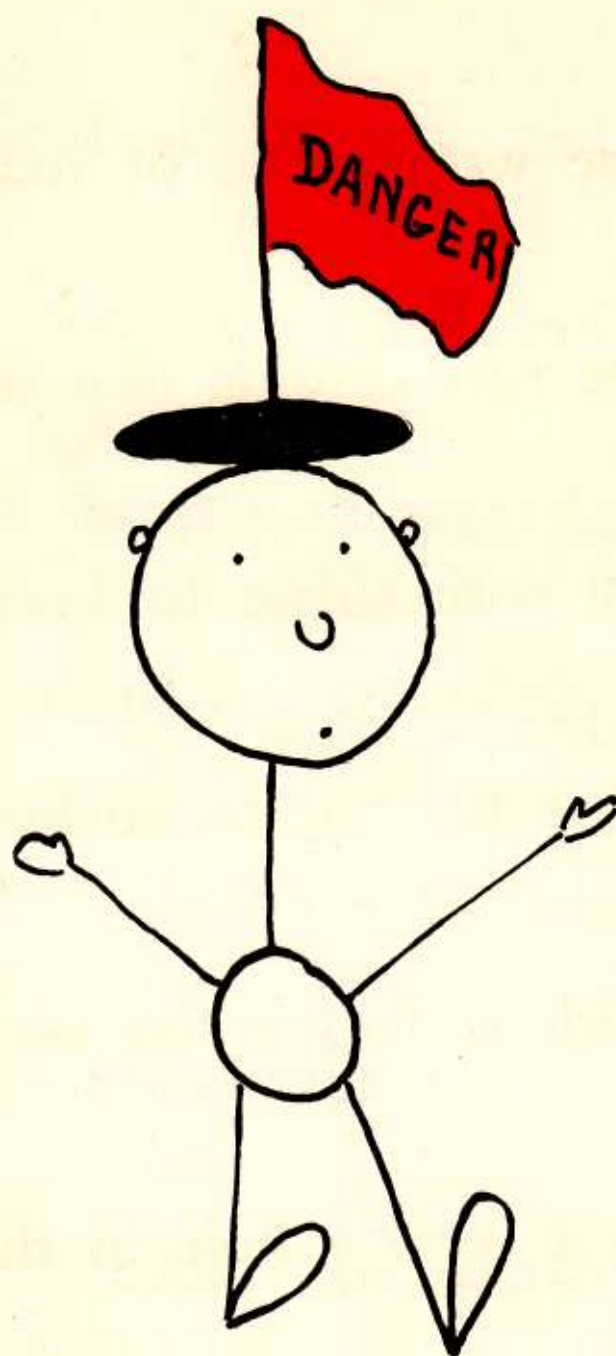
A **Never Wait Nit-Wit** doesn't wait at corners for traffic lights or policemen to say go. It just races out and tries to get across before anything can hit it.

One car just missed the Nit-Wit this time but I hate to think what will happen when that truck it doesn't see gets up to it.



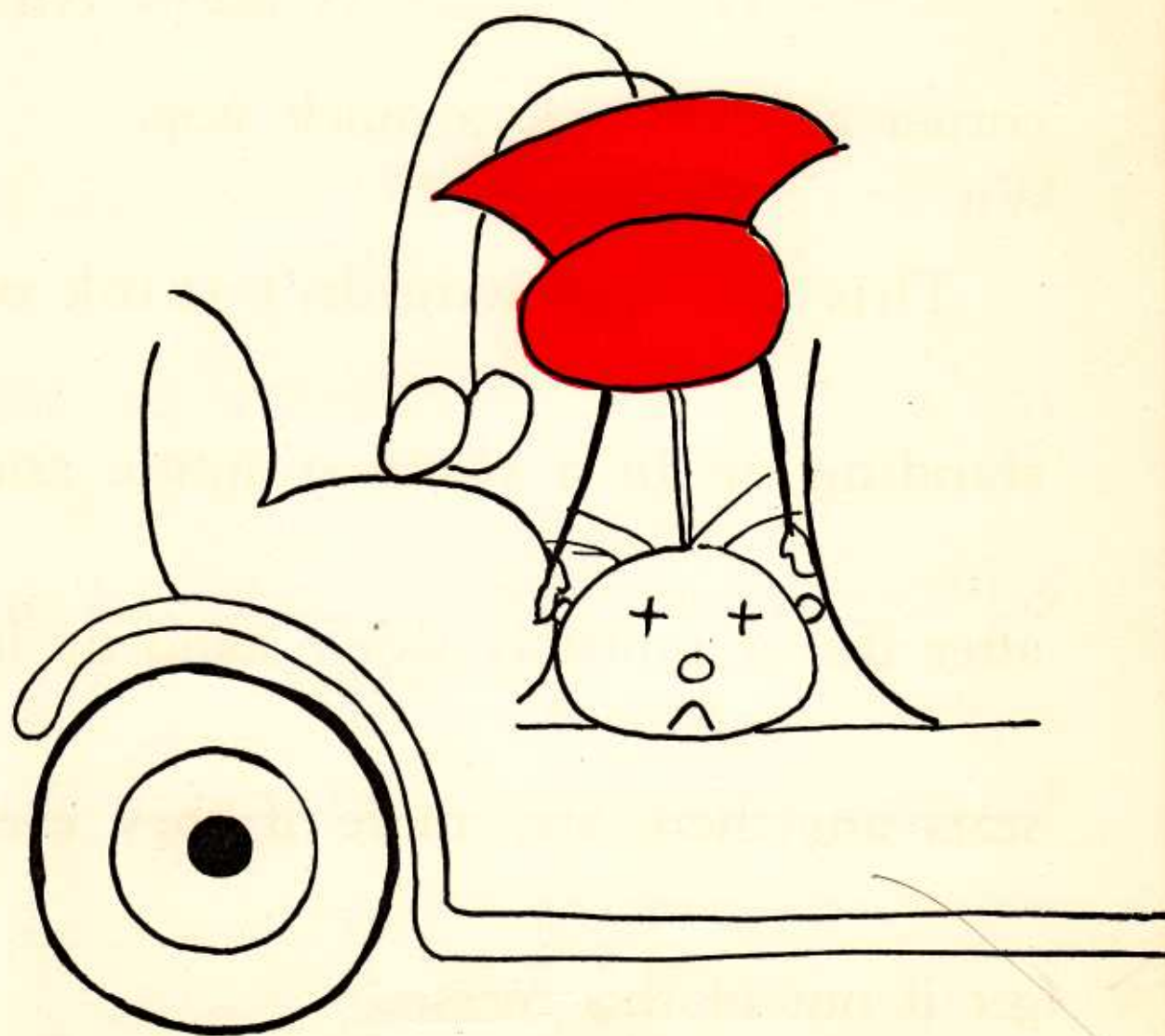
This Nit-Wit is so stupid about walking on the wrong side of roads where it can't see cars coming that its mother had to do something to keep people from hitting it. So she makes it walk around with a danger flag on its head as though it were a hole in the road.

It's a **Dumb-walking Nit-Wit**.



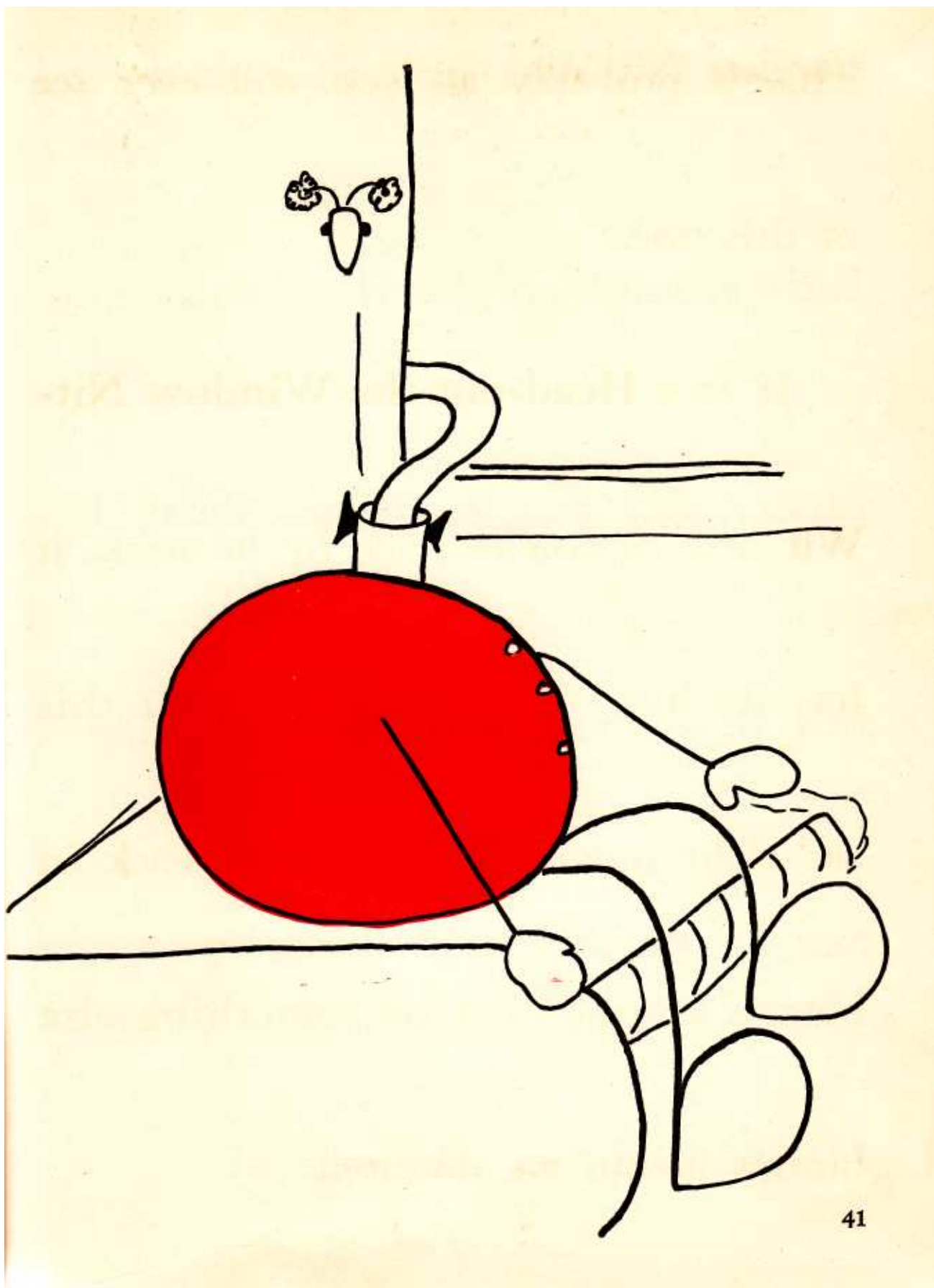
This is a **Seat Standing Nit-Wit** who was standing up on the back seat of an auto just before it went around a corner and came to a quick stop.

This Nit-Wit wouldn't think of standing up in a chair at home and after this it probably won't stand up in seats anywhere any more if they ever get it out of this mess.



This is probably all you will ever see
of this one.

It is a **Head-out-the-Window Nit-**
Wit and as you can see by its neck, it
has its head out the window of this
car right now. It may get it back in
before another car or something else
bumps it, but we doubt it.



Careless Nit-Wits leave their skates and

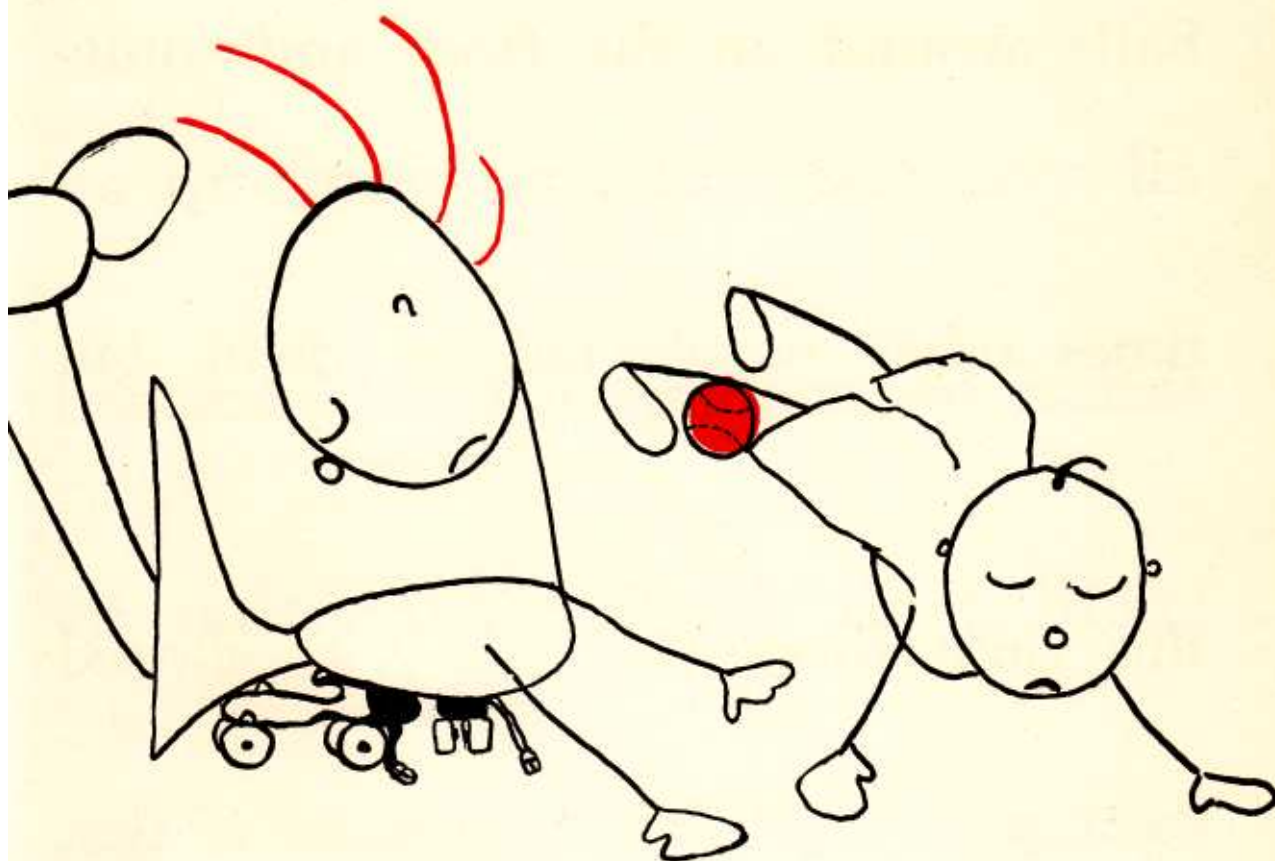
balls around on the floor and some-

times other people fall on them, but

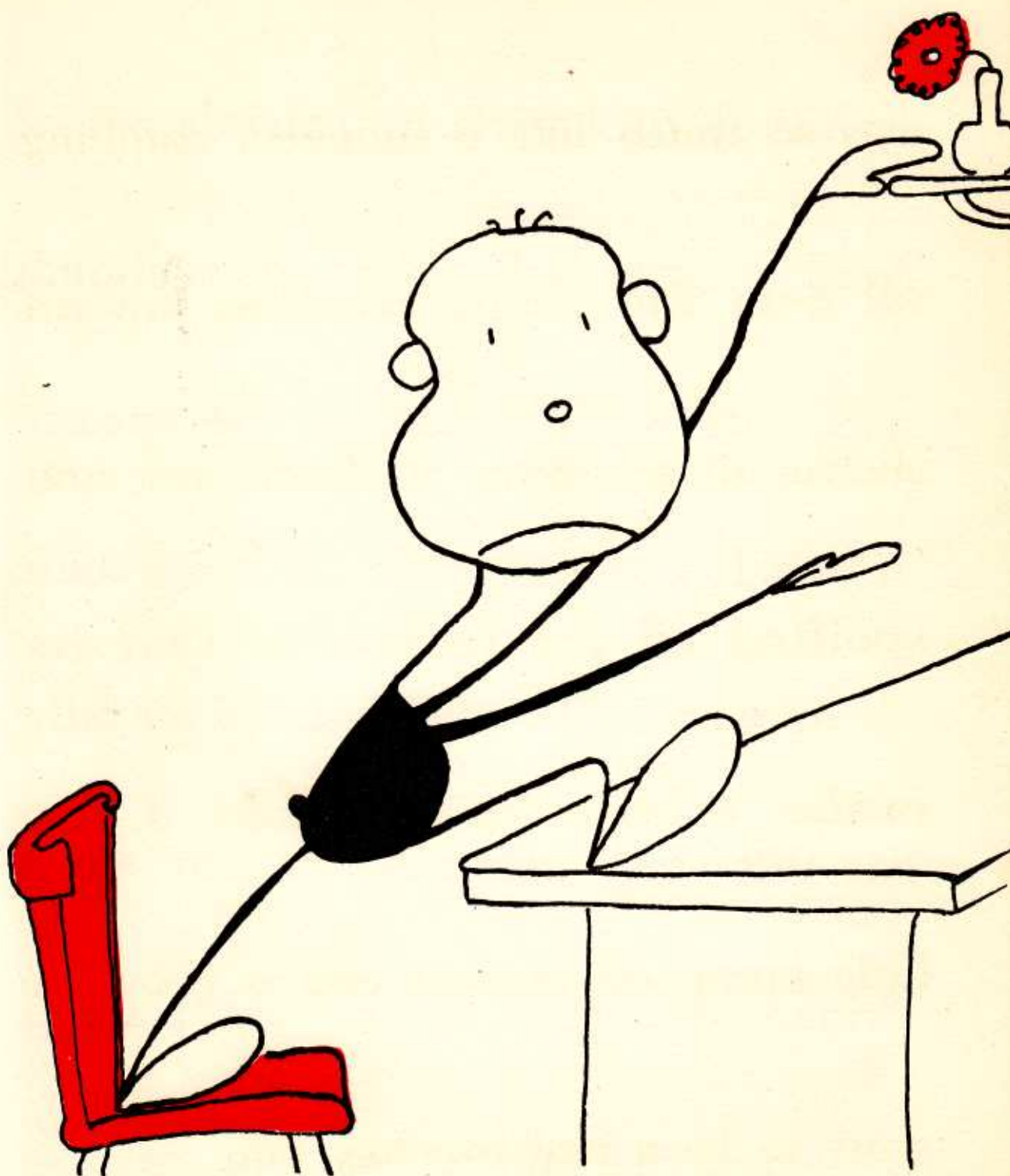
this time these two Nit-Wits slipped

and fell on their own things—

And Did they take bumps?



Here you see a **Climbing Nit-Wit**. It acts so much like a monkey, climbing all over the place, reaching up on shelves to get things it should not and spoiling all the furniture, that its mother is beginning to wonder if that little bump on its rear end is going to grow to be a real monkey tail.

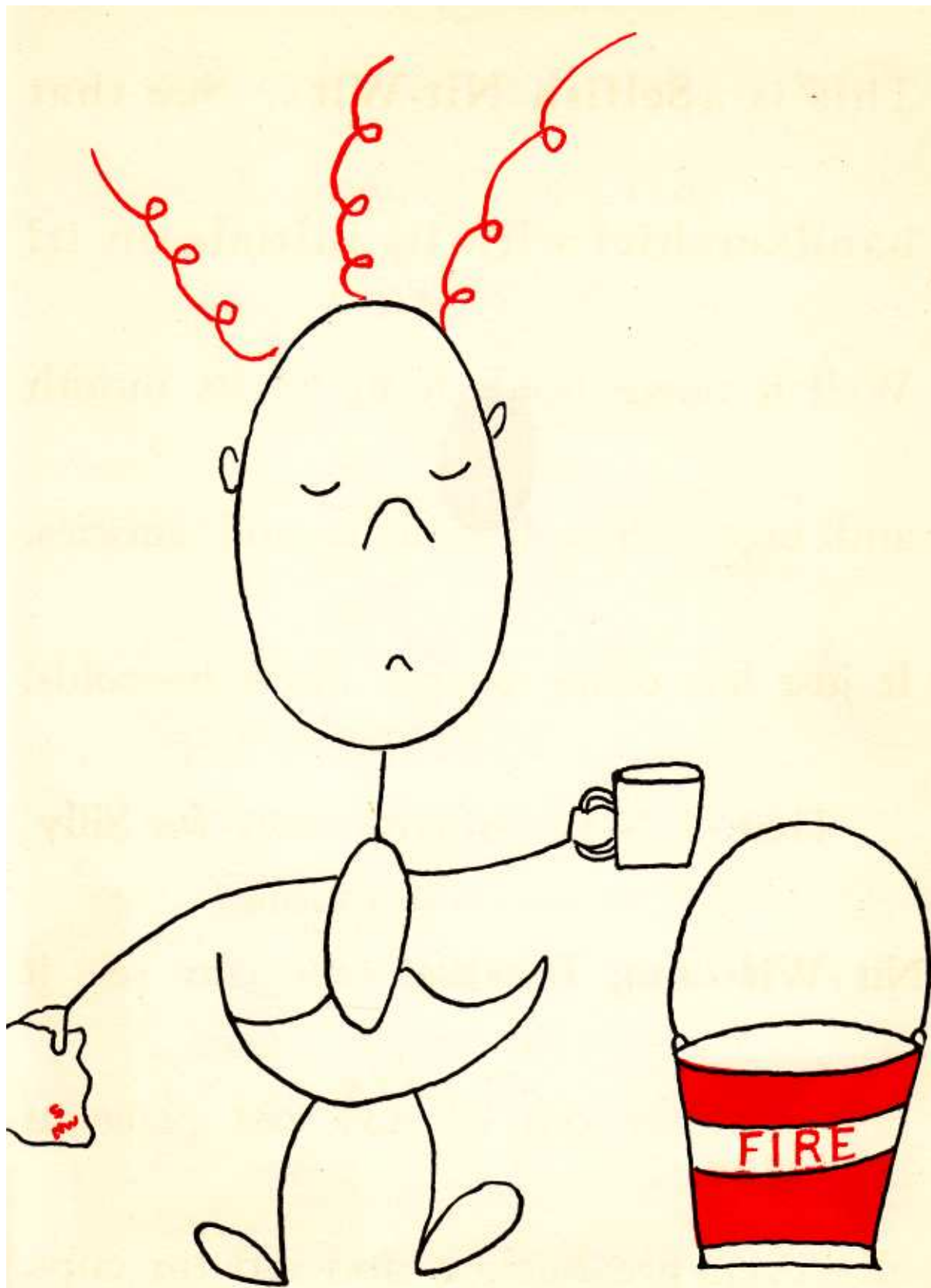


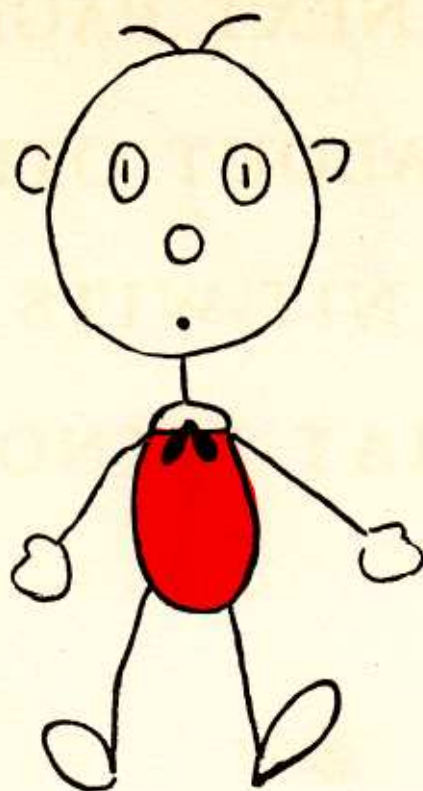
This is a **Selfish Nit-Wit** . See that
handkerchief with its initials on it?

Well it never holds it up to its mouth
and nose when it coughs and sneezes.

It just lets other people catch its colds.

That S. N. W. might stand for **Silly**
Nit - Wit too, because you can see it
drinks water out of any old place at
all—even fire buckets and old tin cups.





This is probably
the most stupid one of all.

It is an **Automobile**
Riding Nit-Wit who goes
along with people when
they drive faster
than they should.
What a Nit-Wit!

THESE NEXT PAGES
ARE ABOUT OTHER
NIT-WITS
THAT I KNOW
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